Homer, Items.

Our communion is over, and a grand time we had. The members of our church with some from Fair Haven, making a goodly number surrounding the table. All seemed to enjoy the feast as only those who are sincere Christians can. We departed somewhat from the usual order of holding communion in this that we met half an hour before the time and spent that time in prayer and song service. The prayer service being voluntary a number of brethren and sisters took an active part. We have no speaking at our communion. We hold the special preparatory service the evening before. And when we want to preach the ordinances of the house of God we do it by special announcement. We rather like a prayer meeting in connection with the communion, for it certainly puts us in a right frame of mind, making us feel the solemnity of the occasion. as well as giving each one an opportunity to pass out their wants before the Lord.

Our Sunday school is closed for this season. We had an excellent Sunday school. Our average attendance was about forty. Sometimes S. Schools die out; ours had to be closed, and the interest was just as good the last day as the first. We have seen to our satisfaction that there can be a successful Sunday school held without the pastor conducting it.

We think just as much of our week day meeting as any of our meetings. And they are well attended by our own members, and some members of other churches. We try to make all feel at home when they meet with us, and we worship together as one family—children of one common parent. The last prayer meeting night fell on Thanksgiving day, so that we might have suitable service for the occasion we met earlier and had several seasons of prayer, after which we tried to preach a sermon for the occasion, showing the goodness and providential care of our heavenly Father for which we ought to be thankful.

At our business meeting this fall we took up the dollar proposition to pay the debt of Ashland College, and the church here received it favorably, and we are doing what we think we can. Unfortunately many of us are too poor to do anything. Others think themselves too poor, and a few are not willing, which all goes to diminish the amount. But what we have raised with that which was paid by our members at the convention will about make our quota.

We expect to hold a protracted meeting as soon as the roads are good for sleighing, if there will be any in the early winter, and if not we will hold meeting sometime this winter.

We expect to preach at three different places during the winter as we did the past summer; which means study and work for the poor minister, and we realize more than ever that "life is real life is earnest."

H. S. Jacobs.

Nov. 28th, 1887.

Thanksgiving.

According to the proclamation of the President of the United States, and the Governor of the state of Iowa, as well as the gospel of Christ, we held Thanksgiving services today. The meeting was held in the U. B. Church in this town (Hudson). It was a union meeting. The different denominations met and joined in the services. Rev. Carleton, of the U. B. Church, preached an able sermon on the occasion.

I am enjoying myself well here at Waterloo and Hudson. I find the brethren and people in general very kind. Had a good prayer meeting at old Bro. Jacob Lichty's last evening. We try to preach every Sunday morning and evening. Preaching at Hudson next Sunday morning, and prayer meeting and preaching at Enon in the evening. There have been six baptized since my labors began here, one restored, and one candidate for baptism, and the prospects, I think, are fair for several more before long.

J. H. Swihart.

Nov. 24, 1887.

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I believe that all will consent that the community has lost a good citizen, the church an earnest and much loved brother, and the family a noble, generous, self-denying husband and father. But let us all remember that what is our loss is his eternal gain. Amen.

C. E. Doty.

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